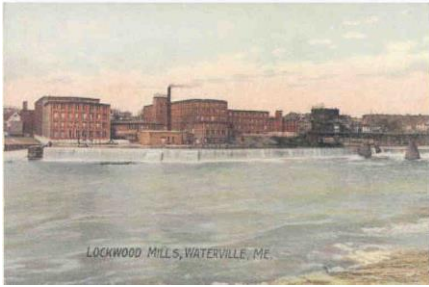


LOCKWOOD MILLS

1 Water Street ~ Map #33



In 1875, the Honorable R. B. Dunn and A.D. Lockwood and their friends established the Lockwood Cotton Mill, the first big factory to come to Waterville. It was also the first major industry to attract Franco-Americans to Waterville.

Bricks for the first Lockwood Mill were made at a brick factory in Winslow just below the Ticonic Bridge. The second Lockwood Mill was completed in 1881.

Disaster struck the entire cotton industry in New England in the 1950s. Workers struck during a labor dispute, resulting in the mill's closure. The products of the Lockwood consisted of their celebrated Lockwood Cotton sheetings. They used about 14,000 bales or 7,000,000 pounds of cotton annually to make nearly 17,000,000 yards of cloth.



The remaining Lockwood Mill building on Water Street is slated to be included in one of the largest historic restoration in the state's history. This project will include the former Lockwood Mill, C.F. Hathaway Shirt Factory and the former Central Maine Power offices.